1	2	3
	Cuttack	1
	Balasore	1
West Bengal	Midnapore	5
	South 24 Parganas	2
Lakshadweep	Amini/Kavarathi	10
A/N Nicobar Islands	Andaman & Nicobar	14
	TOTAL:	71

Homeless persons in the country

†*411. DR. FAGUNI RAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless persons in the country;

(b) the circumstances in which these persons live during rainy season, extreme cold and hot weather conditions;

(c) the number of houses given every year by Government to these homeless persons through Indira Awaas Yojana; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed by when houses would be made available to all homeless persons?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the estimates made available by 2001 census, the housing shortage in the rural areas is about 148.33 lakh. Most of the estimated shelterless people are living in unserviceable kutcha houses.

(c) and (d) The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is an ongoing allocation based scheme. Under this scheme, targets for the construction of houses are fixed annually based upon the availability of funds. In the current year i.e. 2005-06, a sum of Rs. 2750.00 crores is the allocation with which about 15.00 lakh houses are to be built. The Government is trying to provide assistance for the construction of as many houses as possible

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in the rural areas within the available budgetary resources. The Bharat Nirman Programme of the Government of India designed to tackle the infrastructural needs of the rural sector also addresses the issue of rural housing shortage. To be implemented over a four year period starting from 2005-06, a total of 60 lakh houses are proposed to be constructed for the rural shelterless families under this programme.

Projects submitted by Tamil Nadu Government

*412. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted fiscal projects following the Tsunami-hit and drought situation in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of each project together with value; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned against the State Government's request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A Memorandum for Rs. 4800 crore for the Tsunami relief and rehabilitation was submitted by Tamil Nadu Government in January, 2005. The Government of India approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crores named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas", which included Rs. 2347.19 crores for Tamil Nadu as per details at Statement (*See* below). This package included assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, immediate construction of temporary shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure.

The Tamil Nadu Government submitted a proposal to the Core Group/ Planning Commission for Rs. 4285.17 crores for long-term reconstruction under the Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme which includes programmes in the areas of housing reconstruction, roads and bridges, power and communication sector, ports and jetties, water and sewerage, agriculture and animal husbandry, fisheries, social infrastructure and welfare, tourism, environment and coastal protection